

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A battery apparatus, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:
a case having a width, a thickness, and a length;
a battery cell accommodated inside the case; ~~and~~
a battery-side terminal provided on an end surface positioned at one of ends of the case in a length direction and electrically connected to the battery cell;
at least one locking piece on each side of the case and extending a distance in the width direction from the case, each locking piece forming a locking recess between the locking piece and an overhanging surface of the case; and
a strengthening projection located in each locking recess and extending from each respective locking piece to the overhanging surface of the case, each strengthening projection extending from the case in the width direction a shorter distance than the distance the respective locking piece extends from the case in the width direction,

wherein a bottom surface positioned on one side of the case in the ~~the~~ $[[a]]$ thickness direction is aligned with an attachment surface of a battery attachment section of an ~~an~~ electronic device ~~equipment~~ to attach the battery apparatus by sliding the case along the length direction thereof, and the battery-side terminal comes in contact with an attachment section-side terminal of the battery attachment section, ~~wherein~~

~~the battery-side terminal is provided on the end surface,~~
~~an identification section for identifying a characteristic of the battery apparatus is provided at a location on the end surface and on a side of the battery-side terminal in the width direction,~~

~~the identification section is configured with an identification recess formed in a manner open to the end surface, and~~

~~at least one of a position, a cross-sectional shape, and a length of the identification recess is formed on the basis of the characteristic of the battery apparatus.~~

Claims 2-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The battery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
~~characterized in that~~

the battery-side terminal is provided approximately in the middle of the end surface of the case in the width direction.

Claims 7-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:
a convex portion projecting in the length direction from the end surface of the case and extending in the width direction along the end surface of the case.

Claim 18 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein
the convex portion extends in the width direction above the battery-side terminal.

Claim 19 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:
a cutout portion formed in an end portion of the bottom surface of the case, the cutout portion configured to receive a locking device of the battery attachment section.

Claim 20 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein

the battery-side terminal is provided at an opposite end portion in the length direction of the bottom surface.

Claim 21 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the bottom surface also includes a recess portion.

Claim 22 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 21, further comprising:
a convex portion in the recess portion; and
a machine name plate located in the recess portion and including a positioning groove receiving the convex portion of the recess portion.

Claim 23 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the strengthening projection has beveled edges.

Claim 24 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a first and a second locking piece are located on each side of the case in the width direction.

Claim 25 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein a first strengthening projection connected to the first locking piece extends in the length direction a greater distance than a second strengthening projection connected to the second locking piece.

Claim 26 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein

the first locking piece is closer to the battery-side terminal than the second locking piece.

Claim 27 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein
a first locking piece extends in the length direction a greater distance than the second locking piece.

Claim 28 (New): The battery apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein
the first locking piece is closer to the battery-side terminal than the second locking piece.